

QC meeting - Tromso, August 2014

First session 5.8.14 3pm

Present:

Chairman and Secretary: Werner Stubenvoll (AUT), Nick Faulks (BER)

Councillors: Dr. Dirk J.A De Ridder (BEL)

Members: Walter Brown (USA), Christian Krause (GER), Casto Abundo (PHI), Paloma Gutierrez (ESP), Vladimir Kukaev (RUS), Andrzej Filipowicz (POL), Sevan Muradian (USA)

Observers: Alex Holowczak (ENG), Arthur Schuering (NED), Ralph Alt (GER), Roberto Ricca (ITA), Igor Vereshchagin (RUS), Shaun Press (PNG), Alexander Tkachev (RUS), Igor Glek (GER), Jouni Lehtivaara (FIN), Stewart Reuben (ENG), Kevin Bonham (AUS), Mahdi Abdulrahim (UAE), Larry Ebbin (BER), Allan Herbert (BAR), Sophia Rohde (USA), Dirk Jordan (GER), Klaus Deventer (GER), Nigel Freeman (BER), Ali Nihat Yazici (TUR), Olena Boytsun (UKR), Al Otaibi Yaser (KSA), Al Zahrani Yahya (KSA), Ely Saul Sequera (VEN), Geber Diaz (VEN), Hesham Elgendy (EGY), Jonas Sidabras (LTU), Stephen Boyd (FRA)

Apologies from Rathinam Anantharam and vd Bergh, both on arbiting duty

1. Workings of revised rating system, August 2014 list. New k factors. Possible issues with high k factors, many games. Players' dob for U18 k factor. 2013/4 team events.

Some points of detail have emerged on the new ratings calculations. From now until the end of 2014, a player will be considered to be under the age of 18 if his yob is 1996 or later. This is because we do not always know exact dob (why not?).

2013/4 team events are still not finalised. Some federations have not sent in a report of all games involving one unrated player. This is now urgent. For the future, the problem is solved, since we can now count single games.

The question of players with many games in one period is not considered serious enough to warrant special treatment. This may need review.

2. Rating of Norway blitz event.

The general question of high level events which are not registered for rating was discussed. It was felt that they should in general be rated, unless there was a clear intention not to do so.

In the specific case, the ACP has asked the players whether they believed the event would be rated. Three have replied, but they all said that they had not given the matter any real consideration. None recalled any announcement on this issue.

It was agreed that the Norway Blitz would remain rated, with one QC member opposed.

3. Review of new title regulations. Direct titles

Titles for special consideration

Gorbatenko, WIM (CA not titled arbiter) special request to GA by Ukraine federation

Geenen, IM (old Olympiad norm)

Quintero, FM (old 2300 rating)

All particular cases will be considered by the Titles Group at a separate meeting. There was no general support for any exceptional treatment at present.

There is a general feeling that the schedule of direct titles is still not ideal. This cannot be addressed now, but will be considered for further proposals next year. This should be in co-operation with EVE.

4. Pre-2005 FM and CM titles

The question is whether these direct titles can once again be granted in respect of Olympiads and rating from before 1.7.2005. It was agreed that the regulation forbidding this cannot be rolled back until the next cycle in 2017, but the question can be discussed now. The Chairman asked for an indicative vote of QC members on the question. The result was 4-3 in favour of a change.

5. Suggestion for WFM and WCM titles from Open Olympiad event.

If a detailed proposal is put forward, then it will be considered

6. Special cases of 1.43a, national championships (not the competition for the title)

It was agreed that only the competition clearly defined as the final phase of the national championship may be considered.

7. Norms from combined divisions of team events.

There are many variations of national team events. The question is the extent to which games from two or more sections of the same competition may be combined to produce a norm. This is generally permitted at present.

The Chairman proposed that in future, only games from one single section or division may be used for a norm. This was agreed by commissions, by a vote of 6-1.

There was then a vote on whether this interpretation should be used from 1.7.15. This was approved by a vote of 6-1.

The 4NCL is a particularly complicated case which must be handled individually, and there may be others. The Chairman invites affected federations to contact him.

8. Academies, rights to award CM titles and report results.

This has been in force since 2011, but to date TRG has put forward no requests for CM titles and no Academy has attempted to report a result directly. The mechanism for direct reporting is in any case unclear. Any requests for titles must come through the federation.

This matter will be raised at CBC.

9. Bahrain proposal for Academy Master title.

Deferred to final session. The Chairman raised the issue of direct FM and CM titles, and suggested that these might be awarded conditionally on some minimum rating levels. An investigation will be made into this question.

10. Players with no federation, or without FIDE ID for any reason.

Nigel Freeman confirmed that FIDE's intention is that if a player who enters a rated event cannot obtain a FIDE ID from the federation he claims as his home, then he should obtain one as FID, on payment of €60, which will be valid for six months. The host federation will be charged, so it would be sensible for the tournament organiser to claim this amount from him, in advance.

Second Session 5pm, 9.8.14

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The Chairman reported on the intervening meeting of Councillors, at which final consideration of title applications had been made. The application in respect of Agaragimov will be kept on hold, pending further investigation.

11. Transfer Regulations. Formation of sub-committee, possible need for urgent clarification.

The Chairman stated that these regulations raise sufficient problems to require a sub-committee dedicated to dealing with them. This will be formed, and may include at least one member of another Commission.

9. The meeting returned to the two proposals from the Bahrain federation, which had been deferred from the first session. These were circulated.

The first, proposing the introduction of an Academy Master title, will be added to the matters under consideration for the next possible revision of direct titles in 2017.

The second, relating to the separate roles of Arbiters and Organisers in the reporting of title norms, was discussed at length. It was felt that, from QC's viewpoint, there is at present no problem with the existing arrangements sufficient to justify this change.

12. Anti-Cheating Commission. Report from QC representative. Connection with Anti-Doping.

The Secretary, who is also a member of the Anti-Cheating Commission, presented the latest version of the ACC's proposal to the GA, which had been received earlier in the day. Shaun Press, the ACC Secretary, pointed out those elements which impinge upon the QC areas of responsibility. The meeting noted these points, and will make such implementations as are required as and when the ACC proposal comes into force.

QC has been asked to maintain a list of banned players. This raises tricky issues, which will be considered further in conjunction with ACC and Elista.

13. FIDE Online Arena

No representatives from this group were present. The meeting agreed that OTB and online ratings will proceed on parallel lines, with no crossover between the two. The question of online IDs providing an entry into the OTB system will have to be addressed.

14. Allan Herbert presented a request to allow CARIFTA competitions to grant direct titles as sub-regional events. This will be considered – it is unclear whether this would require a change to the regulations, which cannot change until 2017.

15. QC has been asked to specify a unified definition of TPR to be used when this method of tiebreak is used by organisers. It was agreed that our recommendation will be the same method used in the calculation of TPR for norm purposes, so applying the 400 point maximum difference.

16. Swiss Pairings have asked that QC make a requirement for all events where norms are earned to use a licensed pairings program by no later than July 2019. It was agreed that such an advance is desirable, but QC is reluctant to make any firm statement prior to 2016, when such a requirement can be inserted into the regulations.

17. It has been requested that FM titles be awarded in respect of the World Major championship which took place in 2004. These were requested at the time, and it is not clear what happened to them. Further investigation is required.

18. Old Olympiad norms. The Chairman requested confirmation that norms from Olympiad only since 2004 are counted to be 20 (or 13) games. Norms achieved in Olympiads until 2002 should not be upgraded retrospectively to 20 (or 13) games. There was no disagreement with this.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.